

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted prior to continued examination of the present application and in response to the Final Action that issued on January 22, 2004. Claims 5, 10 and 12 were pending in the application. In the Final Action, claims 5, 10 and 12 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 5, 10 and 12 have been amended, and new claim 13 has been added. Claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance and request early and favorable consideration thereof.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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